

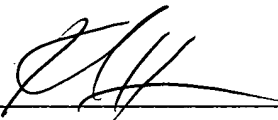
REMARKS

This application was allowed by a Notice of Allowance mailed July 7, 2005. With the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner returned the initialed PTO-1449 submitted by Applicants on April 15, 2004 (copy attached). All references have been initialed; however, the two references listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" have also been lined through. Applicants note that the Examiner has not lined through his initials for these two references, nor has he made any mention in the Notice of Allowability as to why the references are lined through. Applicants therefore assume that the references have been considered and will appear on the face of the patent when it issues.

Applicants would like to point out to the Examiner that these two references were submitted and considered in the parent application (now U.S. Patent 6,698,454) and appear on the face of that patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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